

## Technical Assistance Exchange Newsletter February 17, 2010

A Weekly Update for Aging & Disability  
 Resource Center and Community Living  
 Programs and their Partners

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### 2010 AoA, CMS, and VA Grantee National Meeting

*Changing Systems,  
 Changing Lives*

February 22-24, 2010

Westin Alexandria  
 Alexandria, Virginia

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### 2010 AoA, CMS, and VA Grantee National Meeting Updates



The 2010 Grantee National Meeting will position the Aging Network to:

- Continue to expand access to home and community-based services, evidence-based interventions, and care coordination;
- Provide consumers with the tools and knowledge to make informed choices, particularly related to long term services and supports and transitions across health and long term care settings;
- Improve workforce competency for person-centered planning and participant-direction across a range of diverse socio-economic status and various types of disabilities; and
- Identify opportunities to partner with a broad range of stakeholders to garner support and meet the needs of all types of consumers through an integrated system.

### Meeting Materials

Presentations and handouts used at the National Meeting will be made available on the TAE website by Friday, February 19th. An electronic version of the program will also be emailed to all registered attendees on Friday.

### Webcasts

Plenaries on all three days of the National Meeting will be webcast live. Please make sure to use the below information to register for webinars. **You must register for each session individually.** For more information on the webinar platform, you may email us [adrc-](#)

[tae@lewin.com](mailto:tae@lewin.com) or consult the software user guide [here](#).

#### **Opening Plenary**

This plenary session will feature high-level discussion from Federal leadership regarding the Veteran-Directed Home and Community Based Services program and ongoing efforts to transform the long-term services and supports system to be more person-centered and supportive of community living.

- Time: Mon, Feb 22, 2010 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST
- Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/229837721>

#### **A Conversation on Operational VDHCB Programs**

This plenary session will feature AoA Network and Veterans Network representatives discussing the operations of their Veteran-Directed Home and Community-Based Services Programs.

- Time: Mon, Feb 22, 2010 12:15 PM - 1:45 PM EST
- Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/907716296>

#### **Keynote Address from Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee and Care Transitions Plenary**

This plenary session will feature a keynote address from the Assistant Secretary for Aging, Kathy Greenlee. Following the ASA, we will broadcast a panel presentation on Care Transitions and Person-Centered Hospital Discharge Planning Models featuring Dr. Eric Coleman of the University of Colorado Denver, Dr. Alan Stevens of Scott and White Healthcare, and Richard McGhee of the Central Texas ADRC.

- Time: Tue, Feb 23, 2010 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST
- Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/565175824>

#### **Remarks on "Community Living, Path to Independence" and the First Annual "Excellence In Action" Awards Ceremony**

This plenary session will feature a presentation by Henry Claypool, Director of the HHS Office on Disability, followed by the first annual "Excellence in Action" awards ceremony.

- Time: Tue, Feb 23, 2010 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM EST
- Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/277344952>

#### **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Program Priorities**

This session will provide information on the nursing home (NH) minimum data set (MDS), version 3.0, Section Q scheduled for implementation on October 1, 2010. The MDS is the NH assessment instrument completed on all individuals admitted to a NH. An overview of the content of this section and its impact for referrals from NHs to ADRCs will be included. ADRCs will get referrals from NHs to provide information to NH residents on the supports and services that are available in the community. An overview of the Informing Long Term Care Choice conference in Baltimore on 4/16 will also be

covered.

- Time: Tue, Feb 23, 2010 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM EST
- Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/533409465>

#### **Lessons Learned from Fully Functional ADRCs**

Following a welcome from AoA, we will broadcast a panel presentation about "putting the pieces of ADRCs together" featuring staff from South Carolina and New Hampshire.

- Time: Wed, Feb 24, 2010 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM EST
- Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/231198480>

#### **ADRC Statewide Planning**

This plenary session will feature presentations from the Administration on Aging, the National Association of State Units on Aging, and the Technical Assistance Exchange regarding the five-year planning process ADRC grantees can use to plan for expansion and sustainability.

- Time: Wed, Feb 24, 2010 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM EST
- Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/598142545>

Full details about the National Meeting are available on the [TAE Website](#).

## **Recent Website Additions**

**"Examples from The Field" From New Hampshire's Grant Programs**

[New Hampshire's ADRC Site Request for Proposal](#)

- [ServiceLink's RFP for vendors to operate ADRCs](#)

[New Hampshire's Counseling Standards of Practice](#) - [ServiceLink's standards of practice for long term support counselor](#)

[New Hampshire's Counseling Competencies Description](#) - [ServiceLink's description of skills and competences for long term support counseling.](#)

[New Hampshire's Counselor Job Description](#)

[ServiceLink's job description for long term support counselor](#)

[New Hampshire's Choices for Independence Consumer Guide](#)

New Hampshire's Choices for Independence Program produced the guide to help consumers learn about eligibility.

[New Hampshire's Choices for Independence Program Summary](#)

This resource from New Hampshire's Choices for Independence Program outlines the application process for participants.

View these items and more under "[New Resources](#)"

## **HHS and Labor Departments Announce \$1 Billion in Health IT Grants**

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis announced nearly \$1 billion in federal economic stimulus funds to be used to increase the use of health information technology. The money will be used to help make healthcare information technology available to over 100,000 hospitals and primary care physicians by 2014 and train thousands of people for careers in healthcare and information technology. Sebelius announced more than \$750 million in awards for states and healthcare providers. Solis announced more than \$225 million in Department of Labor grant awards that will be used to train 15,000 people in job skills needed to support careers in healthcare, information technology and other high growth fields.

Read the full article [here](#).